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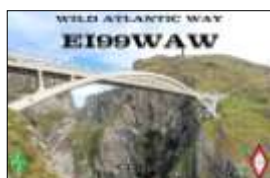
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Yaesu Fusion Repeater for Galway



A recent initiative to place a Yaesu Fusion Repeater on air in Galway has borne fruit. Following discussions with Aengus EI4ABB, and subsequently with the GREC, an agreement was reached whereby The Galway VHF Group would split the cost of a new Yaesu Fusion Repeater with the GREC. This will be substituted for the current analogue Repeater. The new repeater will have the facility of Analogue FM and digital voice plus Wires-X built in to widen the scope of its coverage. Yaesu Fusion is already popular in the Donegal, Mayo, Galway, Limerick and Clare regions.

Wild Atlantic Way



Some large logs in this month, including two from EI3KI that have moved Clare to top spot on the table and moved Limerick up to 5th. Mayo have also done well thanks to many logs from EI3KE that have moved the County from 8th place last month to 3rd place now. Eight counties now exceed the 5,000 qso mark. Figures compiled from all logs received up to 27th May 2017.

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| Clare | EI66WAW | 12,849 |
| Cork | EI99WAW | 12,688 |
| Mayo | EI44WAW | 9706 |
| Leitrim | EI22WAW | 9151 |
| Limerick | EI77WAW | 7775 |
| Donegal | EI11WAW | 7169 |
| Sligo | EI33WAW | 5894 |
| Kerry | EI88WAW | 5871 |
| Galway | EI55WAW | 3612 |

Total QSO 74,715

Total number of "Worked all 9" Certificates issued 244

Total number of QSL cards processed approx 8,800

All information on using one of the calls available on the IRTS website at www.irts.ie/waw.

CW Field Day



CW Field Day takes place over next weekend, starting at 15:00 UTC on Saturday 3rd June, and coincides with similar contests in many other IARU Region 1 countries. The contest runs for 24 hours, however members have the option of entering the Restricted Section by operating for no more than 6 hours of the contest period; operation need not be for one continuous 6-hour period, but once operation has commenced in the contest, off periods must be a minimum of 60 minutes. See www.irts.ie/contests for the full rules.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday 1st June at 8.30pm.

This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners in particular

are very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as a demonstration of DMR radio.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take part for the 10th consecutive year in the Geoparks Communications weekend which takes place this year over the weekend of 3rd & 4th June to coincide with European Geoparks week. SEARG will be QRV as EI2GEO from the Copper Coast Geopark in Bunmahon County Waterford. For more information about EI2GEO and SEARG please see www.searg.ie.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on **Thursday 29th June** in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. A large number of applications have already been received and as numbers are limited those intending to sit the examination should apply soon. The **closing date** for receipt of applications is **Monday 12 June**. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam.

Morsum Magnificat



The English language version of Morsum Magnificat, the Morse Magazine, otherwise known as "MM" contained a vast amount of information and illustrations of interest to Morse operators, key collectors, historians, and other Morse enthusiasts. Published in 89 issues from 1986 to 2004, with readers and contributors from all around the world, it covered every conceivable aspect of Morse telegraphy, past present, and future in a truly international way. This vast resource is available in PDF format free of charge from www.n7cfo/tgph/Dwnlds/mm/mm.htm

Elettra Back on Air



A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club (A.R.I. Italian Amateur Radio Association, IARU affiliated), will host the fifth year of a technical and cultural event at the seat of the Marconi Foundation in Bologna, Italy on Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th June 2017. The aim of the

event is to celebrate the historical value of the yacht Elettra. The station will be QRV as **IQ4FE** and will be operated adjacent to the relict keel of the yacht Elettra. www.fgm.it

TXfactor



TXfactor is a series of professionally produced HD TV shows launched in 2004, dedicated entirely to amateur radio. Presenters explore the history of amateur radio, rigs, antennas, operating modes, propagation, sport radio, training, RSGB News, in fact anything and everything to do with amateur radio. For a list of episodes explore www.txfactor.co.uk

Irish Pirate Radio Museum

Ireland has a long and colourful pirate radio history dating back to the iconic events of 1916 and the world's first pirate radio broadcasts during the Easter Rising.

A meeting will take place upstairs in Brannigan's pub, Cathedral Street, just off O'Connell Street near the Pro-Cathedral on June 7th 2017, beginning at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for a gallery exhibition or a permanent pirate radio museum, how the radio memorabilia should be collected, archived and curated and the most important question how it should be funded. Contact Eddie Bohan irishbroadcastinghalloffame@gmail.com or by phone 085 144 2088.

IARU General Conference 2017



The 2017 General Conference (GC) of IARU Region 1 (IARU-R1) arranged by DARC will take place in September in Landshut, Germany. As for previous conferences there will be a small delegation from IRTS present. IARU-R1 activities include, radio spectrum acquisition, retention, and consolidation and responding to the general threat of increasing levels of man-made noise especially at HF, MF and LF frequencies. In addition, IARU recognises the importance of facilitating the longevity of amateur radio by stimulating young persons' interest in our hobby. More information is available at www.irts.ie/iarugc.

All Amateur Licensees in Ireland are encouraged to study the conference documents which can be downloaded and to provide any comments they may have by email to the IRTS President EI8CC who will lead the IRTS delegation.

Galway 70cm Repeater

The Galway 70cm Repeater EI7AKR is now active from its new site on a high spot near Abbeyknockmoy. The operating frequencies are RX 430.825MHz +7.6MHz shift and TX 438.425MHz. CTCSS tones of 77Hz are required for access. CTCSS tones of 77Hz are also present on the output. Following a month on air, it has provided excellent coverage around County Galway and into adjacent counties. Reports to Steve EI5DD wrights1@eircom.net

EI0SIX

EI7BMB reports that the EI0SIX 50MHz beacon is now QRV from Enniskerry Co. Wicklow on 50.005MHz. Set your dial on USB to 50.004.2MHz and listen for tones using PI4 software - available free from OZ2M website.

Beacon TX period is first 60 seconds of each 5-minute time slot. CW is the towards the end of the period. Please spot if you hear it.

JY1SAT

Jordan's first CubeSat — JY1SAT — will be launched next February. The spacecraft's name recalls the Amateur Radio call sign of Jordan's late King Hussein. JY1SAT will carry a FUNcube 435/145 MHz SSB/CW Amateur Radio inverting transponder and a Slow-Scan Digital Video (SSDV) system to transmit stored images.

OP0PPY

Members of the Royal Union of Belgian Radio Amateurs (UBA) radioclubs will operate OP0PPY between 1 and 11 June 2017 from MESEN, the smallest city in Belgium, commemorating WW1.

See <http://www.uba.be/en/op0ppy-mesen>

Members Ads

For Sale: Ameritron AL-811H Linear amp 10-160m (4-valve version) 800w P.E.P. output. New TX relays recently fitted. Can be demonstrated working in shack. €700 o.n.o.
Declan ei6fr@gofree.indigo.ie 086 402 7652

For Sale: Yaesu FT847, Modified by EI7BA, With new ATU, boxed, €1200. AOR ARD 300, 8 months old, boxed, Price €670, New cooling fan for Yaesu FT101ZD €100.
Fox Tango Newsletters €100
Jimmy EI8FC 086 303 2705

For Sale: Icom 756 Pro2 €695 ono. Chris 087 322 3022.
ei9czb@eircom.net

For Sale: Yaesu FT1000MP 80-100m in good condition €750.
Brendan EI4BB 087 250 8651

Your Society Needs You!

Why not join our Newsteam?

The Society has vacancies for a weekly Radio News Editor, and for an Editor and members of the Production Team of our quarterly journal Echo Ireland.

If you are interested and feel you might contribute to these essential services to our members, please contact Gerry EI8CC or Séamus EI8BP to get more information.

Contests – June 2017

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

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| Sat 3 | 15:00 | 24 hours | IRTS CW Field Day | 160-10m, work everyone, exchange Serials |
| Sat 3 | 15:00 | 24 hours | Dutch Kingdom CW/SSB | 40-6m, work everyone, exchange Serials |
| Mon 5 | 19:00 | 90 mins | RSGB CC Data | 80m, work UK only, exchange Serials |
| Sat 10 | 12:00 | 24 hours | Portugal Day CW/SSB | 80m-10m, work everyone, send Serial, log District Code |
| Sun 11 | 09:00 | 7 hours | Practical Wireless QRP | 2m, send Serial & Locator |
| Wed 14 | 19:00 | 90 mins | RSGB CC CW | 80m, work UK only, exchange Serials |
| Sat 17 | 00:00 | 48 hours | All Asian DX CW | 160-10m, work Asian stations, send Age |
| Sat 17 | 12:00 | 24 hours | Ukranian DX Classic RTTY | 80-10m, work everyone, send Serial, log Oblast |
| Thu 22 | 19:00 | 90 mins | RSGB CC SSB | 80m, work UK only, exchange Serials |
| Every | Wed | 60 mins | CWops Mini Contests | 160-10m, three separate CW contests |

List compiled by Joe EI7GY (All times are UTC)